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SUBJECT: SADAT PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT

SUMMARY. EGYPTIAN DAILIES MARCH 1 GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO  
NEWS CONFERENCE BY PRESIDENT SADAT IN KUWAIT PRIOR TO RETURN TO  
CAIRO. LOCAL PRESS CHOOSES TO STRESS SADAT COMMENT THAT  
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TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA AND GULF STATES "ONE HUNDRED PERCENT

SUCCESSFUL" BUT SADAT COMMENTS ALSO INCLUDED STRONGEST STATEMENT TO DATE ON LIMITATION OF EGYPTIAN COMMITMENTS TO SYRIA, GOE DENIAL OF FUTURE, SEPARATE EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND REJECTION OF STEP-BY-STEP PROCESS AS NO LONGER VIABLE ROAD TO ME PEACE. END SUMMARY.

1. EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN RELATIONS. PRESIDENT SADAT STATED THAT EGYPT PREPARED TO COME TO SYRIAN DEFENSE SHOULD ISRAEL ATTACK ALONG NORTHERN FRONT, BUT STRESSED THAT GOE WILL RESERVE ITS POSITION SHOULD SYRIA ENGAGE IN "FALSE HEROISM" WHICH PROMPTS ISRAELI REPRISALS. SPECIFICALLY, SADAT STATED THAT SHOULD SYRIA REFUSE TO RENEW UNDOF MANDATE IN MAY 1976, IN EFFORT TO EMBARRASS EGYPTIANS, SYRIA WILL HAVE TO BEAR CONSEQUENCES OF THIS ACT. IN REGARD TO LEBANON, SADAT STATED THAT, AS SYRIANS WERE ARMING BOTH LEBANESE CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS, IT NOT SURPRISING THAT, UPON SYRIAN CESSATION OF ARMS SHIPMENTS TO LEBANON, PEACE SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED. SADAT COMMENTED THAT EGYPTIANS HAD OFFERED TO SEND ARAB LEAGUE SEC GEN RIAD TO LEBANON DURING SADAT TRIPARTITE SUMMIT IN RIYADH WITH PRESIDENT ASAD AND KING KHALID IN SPRING OF 1975, BUT SYRIANS HAD REJECTED ANY INITIATIVES IN LEBANON UNTIL DAMASCUS COULD IMPOSE ITS OWN SOLUTION. CONCERNING SYRIAN-JORDANIAN RAPPROACHMENT, PRESIDENT SADAT POINTED OUT THAT GOE HAS NO OBJECTION TO RAPPROACHMENT BETWEEN NATIONS OF NORTHERN FRONT, BUT SYRIANS AND JORDANIANS CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN "COOKING UP SOMETHING" AND GOE REJECTS THESE SURREPTITIOUS EFFORTS AS BEING UNHELPFUL TO ARAB CAUSE.

2. RECENT US-ISRAELI PEACE INITIATIVES. WHEN ASKED CONCERNING REPORTS THAT EGYPT CONSIDERING TRADING DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCY FOR RECOVERY OF TWO THIRDS OF SINAI PENINSULA, SADAT REJECTED ALL REPORTS CONCERNING NEW AMERICAN NEGOTIATING INITIATIVES OR SEPARATE PEACE SETTLEMENTS ON ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN FRONT AS HAVING ABSOLUTELY NO BASIS IN FACT. SADAT STRESSED THAT THESE REPORTS CONCERNING EGYPTIAN EAGERNESS TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO BELLIGERENCY CAME FROM DAMASCUS. SHOULD GOE BE WILLING TO AGREE TO DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCY, SADAT STATED, ISRAEL WOULD GIVE BACK ALL OF OCCUPIED SINAI, A SOLUTION WHICH HE HAD REJECTED IN ABSENCE OF PROGRESS ON OTHER NEGOTIATING FRONTS.

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3. GENEVA MEPC AND US NEGOTIATING ROLE. SADAT REITERATED RECENT EGYPTIAN THEME THAT STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO ME DIPLOMACY WAS NO LONGER VIABLE AND THAT GENEVA MEPC ONLY REMAINING HOPE FOR COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. SADAT AGAIN STRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT, SHOULD GENEVA FAIL TO PRODUCE MOVEMENT TOWARD OVERALL SETTLEMENT, ARABS WOULD BE FORCED TO RETURN TO AN ACTIVE STATE OF WAR AND IN NEAR FUTURE TO RESUME

ACTUAL HOSTILITIES AGAINST ISRAEL. SADAT STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY OF NO USE AT PRESENT, US STILL RETAINS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN OBTAINING ME PEACE, BUT ARAB LEADERS CURRENTLY NEEDED TO SHOULDER LARGER SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING MOVEMENT TOWARD FINAL SETTLEMENT.

4. GOE-SOVIET RELATIONS. SADAT REPEATED STATEMENT MADE TWO DAYS PREVIOUS TO ABU DHABI RADIO THAT HE WILL ADDRESS EGYPTIAN NATION IN NEAR FUTURE, AND WILL LAY BARE "FULL FACTS" CONCERNING MILITARY AND POLITICAL RELATONS WITH SOVIET UNION. PRESIDENT AGAIN COMMENTED THAT EGYPT HAS RECEIVED VIRTUALLY NO MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM SOVIETS SINCE CANCELLATION OF BREHZNEV VISIT IN JANUARY 1975, ALTHOUGH SKJAT DID CONCEDE THAT SOVIET SHIP HAD ARRIVED "A WEEK AGO" CARRYING MILITARY SUPPLIES " OF NO SIGNIFICANCE."

5. RESULTS OF SADAT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA AND GULF. WHEN ASKED WHETHER EGYPTIANS IN FACT REGARD CURRENT SADAT TRIP TO SAUDI ARABIA AND GULF STATES AS PERHAPS POLITICALLY SUCCESSFUL, BUT AN ECONOMIC FAILURE, SADAT RESPONDED THAT, ON THE CONTRARY, RECENT TRIP HAD NOT BEEN A FUND RAISER, BUT HAD ONLY BEEN DESIGNED (ON ECONOMIC LEVEL) TO INFORM STATES CONTRIBUTING TO ARAB LOAN FUND TO ASSIST EGYPTIAN ECONOMY (SEPTEL) OF RELAITIES OF CURRENT EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION AND TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING MEETNG OF CONSULTANTS, EXPERTS, AND FINANCE MINISTERS IN RIYADH TO ESTABLISH LOAN FUND. PRESIDENT STATED THAT, ALTHOUGH ECONOMIC SITUATION IN EGYPT WAS EXTREMELY SERIOUS, ESSENTIAL PROBLEM IN NEAR FUTURE IS NOT RPT NOT INFUSION OF FUNDS FROM OTHER ARAB STATES. SADAT EXPLAINED "WE ARE TRYING TO INFUSE BLOOD INTO ARTERIES OF EGYPT BY INTRODUCING SOUND ECONOMIC SYSTEM."

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6. ECONOMIC OPEN-DOOR POLICY. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES FACING ECONOMIC OPEN-DOOR POLICY, SADAT STRESSED THAT FREEDOM OF PRESS IN EGYPT RESPONSIBLE FOR PBULICIZING INCIDENTS IN WHICH BUREAUCRACY WORKED TOO SLOWLY, BUT INFACCT REPORTS OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS WERE EXAGGERATED. SADAT STATED THAT MUCH CAPITAL HAS ENTERED EGYPTIAN ECONOMY UNDER OPEN-DOOR POLICY AND BEEN INVESTED BOTH IN FREE ZONES AND OTHER INVESTMENT PROJECTS. PRESIDENT STATED THAT ALTHOUGH SOME RED TAPE AND BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS STILL EXIST, GOE WORKING HARD TO IMPROVE SITUATION.

7. COMMENT: SADAT SATEMENT ON SYRIAN RENEWAL OF UNDOF STRONGEST STATEMENT TO DATE CONCERNING LIMITS OF EGYPTIAN WILLINGNESS TO PLUNGE INTO BATTLE IN DEFENSE OF ITS ERSTWHILE ALLY. ALTHOUGH SPECULATION CONCERNING UNDOF RENEWAL IN MAY

HAS SURFACED IN CAIRO PRESS, THIS FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH  
SADAT STATED THAT REFUSAL BY SYRIA TO RENEW MANDATE WOULD  
CONSTITUTE AN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS GOE. SADAT COMMENT THAT  
ISRAELIS WOULD GIVE BACK ALL OCCUPIED SINAI TERRITORY IN  
EXCHANGE FOR EGYPTIAN PLEDGE FOR NON-BELLIGERENCY IN ESSENCE  
REPEAT OF SADAT STATEMENT AFTER SINAI II NEGOTIATIONS THAT  
ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN HAD OFFERED ALL OF SINAI IN EXCHANGE FOR  
SEPARATE EGYPTIAN PEACE. AHRAM EDITORIAL MARCH 1 MENTIONED  
ALLEGED DISPUTE BETWEEN US AND ISRAEL OVER MEANING OF "END OF  
STATE OF BELLIGERENCY" AND "END OF STATE OF WAR" AND SAID  
EGYPTIAN POSITION IS THAT TWO ARE SYNONYMOUS. IN THIS  
LIGHT, SADAT COMMENT THAT ISRAELIS WOULD GIVE BACK ALL  
SINAI FOR END OF STATE OF BELLIGERENCY IS MERELY EXTENSION OF  
HIS EARLIER COMMENT CONCERNING RABIN OFFER. CONCERNING  
SADAT ADDRESS TO EGYPTIANS LAYING BARE FACTS OF SOVIET  
IMBROGLIO, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SADAT TELEVISION STATEMENT  
LATER IN MARCH, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO DEAL ONLY WITH  
SUBJECT OF "FORUMS" (SEPTTEL), TURNING INTO MAJOR POLICY  
ADDRESS IN WHICH RECENT TRIP, RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS, ECONOMIC  
OPEN-DOOR POLICY, AND MOVES FOR INTERNAL DEMOCRATIZATION TO  
BE TREATED.  
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